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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
If the people want me...

Gen. Eisenhower Is 'Ready to Run'

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Times-Herald said Tuesday in a copyright story that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was reported "ready to run for President in 1948 if the people want him."

Eisenhower, the Times-Herald said, is said to have told friends during informal discussions while on a fishing trip of Miami over the holidays that "I will run for President if the people of the country want me to run."

The friends were not identified.

The Times-Herald continued: "The statement was the first evidence that the General has given any attention to frequent reports that he was being felt out as a nominee by representatives of both major parties."

Attempts to reach General Eisenhower at Miami, said the

Gardner's Successor Little Man's Friend

HARTSVILLE, S. C., (P)—The "Little Man" is gaining a No. 1 friend in the Treasury Department with the appointment of county banker Archibald Lee Manning Wiggins as Undersecretary.

From his tiny Hartsville office where he directs an empire of small businesses, Wiggins—his friends know him as "Lee"—said Tuesday his advice to big bankers has always been to "take the little man into your confidence."

"It's the little men—45 million of them—who have the deposits, says Wiggins.

"They furnish 90 to 95 per cent of the assets and the banks, which furnish the other five or 10 per cent, take all the profit."

Atomic Program Puts On Civvies

WASHINGTON, (P)—The Government's vast atomic energy development program steps out of uniform and into civvies Wednesday.

Details of the changeover from military to civilian control were to be announced by Secretary of War Patterson and the new 5-member Atomic Energy Commission, headed by David E. Lilienthal.

Carroll Louis Wilson, the new 26-year-old General Manager for the program, said the changeover will be accomplished "as expeditiously and efficiently as possible."

He emphasized, however, that it involves "quite a few changes" to carry out the demilitarization called for under the law which created the commission.

"For the most part this involves replacing military officers, now in executive positions, with civilians."

Republicans Organize Senate As Threatened Revolt Fades Out

WASHINGTON, (P)—A "Big Four" including two potential candidates for President took command Monday of Republicans organizing the first GOP-controlled Senate in 14 years.

Senators Vandenberg, of Michigan; Taft, of Ohio; White, of Maine; and Millikin, of Colorado, held the guiding reins firmly after besting down a widely heralded but short-lived intra-party uprising.

Hence their voices carried greater weight than before as the Committee on Committees met to go over working assignments of the 51 Republican members and the steering committee gathered to decide what to do about attempts to bar Senator Bilbo (D-Miss) from a third term.

First organization attempts of the Republicans in the new Congress thus went off as planned, possibly presaging a somewhat similar result when House members meet Thursday to go through the same procedure.

HUGE U.S. FOOD WASTE WAR OFFICIALLY ENDED

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GOP And Truman Oppose Tax Cuts

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Three more Republicans put budget balancing ahead of tax cutting Tuesday as top White House advisers said President Truman will oppose any general slash in taxes by the new Congress.

At the same time however these Presidential intimates emphasized that the Administration will not fight tax law changes designed either to add to the production "incentives" or to wipe out any "inequalities" that may exist.

But none would say what changes along these lines might be in prospect.

The new "to slow a tax cutting" signs were hoisted on both sides of Capitol Hill.

Senator Hawkes (R-N.J.), a former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce and one-time vice president of the National Association of Manufacturers, declared that "nothing is more important than balancing our national budget" and big tax reductions must wait for that.

"I talked to 500 able men in the last three weeks," Hawkes told a reporter, "without being asked, all volunteered the same statement: 'I have to find you won't reduce taxes until you balance the budget.'"

In the same vein, Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) told newsmen: "First, we've got to make both ends meet and pay something on the debt if we can."

And Rep. Judd (R-Minn.) chimed in with the view that "it would be a mistake, financially and psychologically, to make tax-cutting the first order of business."

"I think most of the country feels that way," Judd said, adding: "Make tax legislation the third order of business. First, reduce federal expenditures; second, reduce the debt—don't just talk about it—make an actual payment; and third, take up tax legislation."

Hoffman said the uncertainty of the year ahead should force Congress to go low.

"What with all the postal pay suits and perhaps some strikes ahead, we don't know what we're facing," the Michigan lawmaker said.

His reference to the postal pay suits came after Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.) disclosed that some Congressional tax experts are discussing the possibility of seeking to impose a "windfall tax" on judgments won in such back pay suits now being widely filed.

Rain To Fall On NC New-Year Night Revelers

By The Associated Press
Tuesday night's New Year's Eve revelers were promised temperatures in the middle thirties—and rain—in most of North Carolina and South Carolina.

The Raleigh Weather Bureau said an overcast condition is moving northeastward from the Gulf States, overlapping the cold wave that came down from the Arctic over the weekend.

It is bringing rain, but preventing surface cooling at night thus blanketing the sub-freezing temperatures predicted the past two days.

Asheville, Greensboro and Charlotte reported rain Tuesday morning, and the precipitation will continue over most of the Carolinas Tuesday night and Wednesday, the Bureau said. Overnight temperatures, however, will not show much difference from the following day.

Minimums for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. Tuesday: Wilmington 41, Raleigh 31, Spartanburg 35, Charlotte 33, Columbia 42, Asheville 33, and Mt. Airy 29.

In Western North Carolina the rain may turn to snow or sleet Tuesday night.

Expected minimums for the West and Central portions of the Carolinas Tuesday night and early New Year's Day were 30-35 and in coastal areas 36-40.

Keeping Army In Dark

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Truman has left the Army in the dark about his plans for a universal training program in which the military phrase "would be" is only incidental. So far as could be learned, no policy-making official at the Pentagon has been given a White House blueprint of what the Chief Executive had in mind when he said ten days ago that he wanted the word "military" left out of the program.

Butter and Eggs

CHICAGO, (P)—Butter unsettled; receipts (two days) 907,385. Eggs nervous; receipts (two days) 18,249.



NOTHING LEFT BUT SMOKE—Shown here are Raleigh firemen extinguishing a fire which resulted from the explosion and destruction of a fireworks stand, located two miles south of the City at the Carolina Pines development.

US And Britain Plan Merger Of Air Forces, Says London

LONDON, (P)—The Daily Mail and Daily Telegraph said in a Washington dispatch Tuesday that the United States and Great Britain had taken definite steps toward creation of "an Anglo-American Air Force."

The Mail, discussing what it called the latest phase of the recently reported, and still not completely denied, official British and American agreement for standardization of armaments, said "draft plans for joint training" of RAF and U.S. (presumably Army) air personnel were submitted yesterday to Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, U.S. Army Air Force head, "for signature."

The Mail's dispatch, written by James Brough, its correspondent in Washington, said the schooling would be standardized, that joint exercises would be carried out in such fields as supreme flight and that British fighters would, he thought, be equipped at least, of plane bombing.

"The first step in this long term plan is the exchange of British and American pilots, already agreed to in principle by the United States," said Brough. "An Anglo-American Air Force... is a logical conclusion."

There was no immediate official comment either here or in Washington but the Mail's dispatch was published just after an official denial was issued concerning a report published in the French Press to the effect that the United States and Great Britain would sign a pact next March for mutual assistance in defense.

Blaze In Local Hotel

Guests at the Andrew Johnson Hotel were routed into the cold in night clothes and hastily-donned coats early Tuesday morning by smoke on the third floor and a wall of trucks from the Raleigh Fire Department.

The commotion was lessened when firemen discovered the fire was confined to a mattress and bed linen in a room on the third floor.

No other damage was reported to hotel property. The alarm came at 6:03 a. m.

2 Former Newspapermen Go On Trial For Treason

BOSTON, (P)—The indictment of two ex-patriate American newspapermen on charges of selling out to the Nazis during the war at the first Tuesday for New England's first treason trial since the revolutionary war.

Robert Henry Best, 51, a native of Sumner County, S. C., and Douglas Chandler, 51, who was born in Chicago, were indicted by a 22-man federal Grand Jury after less than an hour's deliberation.

Judge Francis J. W. Ford, assigned to preside at the trial, directed that the two men accused of serving as Nazi radio mouthpieces be brought here at the earliest possible date from Washington for arraignment.

Convicting of treason carries a mandatory sentence of death by hanging.

The jury returned the indictments after hearing 15 witnesses whose identities were protected by armed guards. At least two of them were believed to be German women, one of whom was about 35 and stylishly dressed.

The defendants were accused of "serving and transmitting" during the war and in the months immediately following the end of the war, "information of a confidential nature" to the German High Command.

Chandler, who allegedly broadcast under pseudonym "Paul Devore," was charged specifically in the indictment of "unlawful treason and transmittal of confidential information," in "preparing commentaries, speeches, talks and announcements and recording them for subsequent broadcast from Germany to the United States."

Best, a presswar character in Vienna restaurants, was accused of serving as news editor in the German propaganda Division handling broadcasts beamed to the United States and later of participating in a "round table conference" program on the German radio.

80 Million Dollar Loss In Rotten Spud Stock

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Agriculture Department officials predicted Tuesday that millions of bushels of frozen and rotten potatoes will be dumped under Government instructions during the next several weeks.

They will be part of the 1946 crop surplus of nearly 100,000,000 bushels.

Officials estimated the government's final loss on the surplus will amount to around \$80,000,000.

Here is why the Government takes it on the chin:

Under war-time legislation, the Agriculture Department underwrote the 1946 crop of potatoes as well as many other farm products, to assure farmers that they would get at least 90 per cent of parity—the theoretical price determined to be equally fair to producers and consumers.

The potato trouble developed when the crop turned out to be about 100,000,000 bushels larger than the Department had planned for and about that much larger than estimated consumer requirements.

When this surplus became apparent, potato prices tumbled. And the Department was left to carry out its legal obligation to assure growers at least 90 per cent of parity.

Hold Prices Up

To do this, it took two steps to remove the surplus from regular market channels so the extra supply would not push prices below the guaranteed level:

First, the Department bought large quantities of potatoes and resold them to commercial firms—such as distillers—who otherwise would have used some other commodity.

Then the Department loaned money to other potato growers—at the guaranteed rate—and asked them to store the crop just in case the prices went back up.

"I didn't. And it is from the loan-stored potatoes that heavy losses are anticipated."

For lack of better facilities, many million bushels were left in fields, simply covered with straw or other material, which left them vulnerable to winter freezes.

Distillers Help

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson reported recently that about 1,000,000 bushels of the surplus had been distributed free to public institutions and school lunch programs and that an additional 2,000,000 bushels have been diverted to starch mills at cut-rate prices.



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- 1—New Year's Day, 1947.
- 2—First U. S. Flag, 1776.
- 3—Victory of Trenton, 1777.
- 4—17th admitted to Union, 1850.
- 5—Pacific cable opened to public, 1923.
- 6—John d. Arc, born, 1412.
- 7—First national election, U.S., 1789.

A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

Limitation of Arms Before Peace Makers

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., (P)—Jan. 6 might be the date of first sparred by the specific request of cessation of the report.

Soviet Russia, the United Nations. The Russian request before the Security Council turned Tuesday Council made two specific requests for the first time to discussion of general arms limitation.

1. That the Council proceed at once with work on practical measures to implement the resolution on arms limitation adopted by the United Nations General Assembly Dec. 14.

2. That the Council set up an Ad Hoc Commission with instructions to submit a draft plan for arms reduction and regulation within one or two months and not later than three months.

Germany, who voiced strenuous objections to the Commission's report and remained silent when the atomic vote was taken submitted his proposal to the U. N. Saturday. The move was taken in U. N. circles as evidence of Russian determination to maintain the initiative on arms reduction which the Soviet assumed in the General Assembly in October.

The Atomic Energy Commission was expected to meet again Jan. 15, with Dr. Oscar Lange, of Poland, as Chairman.

Portal Pay Suits Billion And Half

By The Associated Press
The total of retroactive postal pay and damage suits on Tuesday climbed toward the billion and a half dollar mark, exclusive of unspecified claims.

The total of specified amounts sought by workers was \$1,374,456, 50.

There was talk in Congressional circles, however, that new legislation imposing a "windfall tax" might give the federal treasury virtually all of any back pay awards won by workers in the suits.